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Dear Chair Filler and House Judiciary Committee Members,

The Michigan Council for Maternal and Child Health (MCMCH) supports **HB 4126 and 4127** to require all marihuana sold in this state to include a warning for women who are pregnant, may become pregnant or who are breastfeeding and to also require information to be distributed about the potential risk of marihuana poisoning of minors.

We were pleased to work with Rep. Albert last session to modify the proposed warning language in the bill to better meet current clinical and research standards around marihuana use by pregnant and breastfeeding women. Resources such as the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists Committee Opinion issued in October of 2017 and guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control were utilized.

Additionally, Rep. Albert was also open to utilizing this legislation to address another growing problem in our state, the dramatic increase in the number of accidental exposures of children to marihuana products, primarily those in the edible form.

As the attached graph shows, calls to the Michigan Poison Control Hotline have increased from 59 calls in 2007 to 197 calls in 2017 on the single issue of exposure to marihuana. Due to this alarming trend we were very grateful that to see requirements on retailers and dispensaries to provide information to their customers about the danger of poisoning as well as the poison control hotline.

We believe these common sense and inexpensive solutions are a valuable tool in helping to keep pregnant and breastfeeding women as well as kids safe in Michigan. Thank you for your time and consideration.

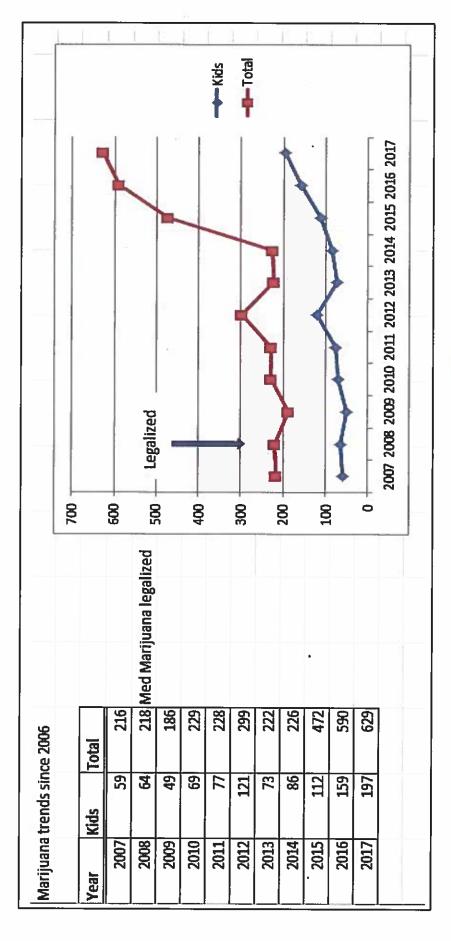
Respectfully submitted,

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Poison Control Hotline of Michigan

Marijuana Exposure Calls 2007-2017



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